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Save the date

2008 Regional Conference

November 7-9, 2008

Asheboro, North Carolina

Season's Greeting to you all,

The end of the fall semester is here, and final exams quickly wrapping up. 2007 was a busy year in the Southeast region, beginning with the SPE National Conference in Miami, chaired by Rebecca Cummings. It was a great event, and Miami in mid-winter is a treat for almost everyone. Great job, Rebecca! This fall saw the wonderful Southeast Regional Conference hosted by Rebecca Nolan and the Savannah College of Art and Design. Having lived in Savannah while attending SCAD, I was pleased that there was time in the schedule to allow everyone to get outside and enjoy a beautiful Savannah afternoon. It's rare that we have conferences in the heart of a walking city, and rarer still a city of such history. On behalf of the entire membership of SPE Southeast, I want to thank Rebecca and her team at SCAD for hosting a great conference.

Speaking of conferences, don't forget to plan ahead for 2008! The SPE National Conference in Denver is fast approaching, so make your reservations now while there's room at the inn. Denver is an amazing destination, and I suspect many attendees (especially students) will take advantage of the proximity to many of the world's top ski resorts by arriving a bit early. Mark your calendars as well for the 2008 SPE Southeast Regional Conference, November 7-9, to be chaired by Greg Stewart and hosted by Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC. Keep an eye on the SPESE website for more accommodation and conference details as they become available. I look forward to seeing you all in Asheboro, and having toured Randolph personally last year, you're in for a visual treat.

An important opportunity this year is the scholarships for students and adjunct educators to the 2008 SPE National Conference, which are detailed in this newsletter. Get your submissions in quick, because the deadline is fast approaching!

On a final note, I saw something in a big event this fall that many others may have missed. The semester started out on a truly stunning note up here in Boone when our football team, the Appalachian State University Mountaineers, traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan and defeated the University of Michigan Wolverines in front of a sold-out 109,000+ seat stadium, commonly referred to as, "The Big House". The result of that victory had far wider implications than a simple game on a beautiful late-summer afternoon. One effect that few grasped was the reaffirmation of what we all try to teach our students; that anything is possible, no matter the odds.

The AppState quarterback, sophomore Amanti Edwards, said it best when, after diving into the end zone for a touchdown, he turned to a Michigan defender and said, "We came here to play football." Truer words were never spoken, because if you don't try, you can't succeed. Believe in yourself, not what others expect. You never know!

Happy (and safe) Holidays!

-Mark Malloy, Chair
SPE Southeast Region

The national conference is just around the corner. It is not too soon to start making your travel plans. It looks to be another great event.

Visit the national SPE website for details - www.spenational.org.



45th National Conference

March 13-16, 2008 in Denver, Colorado

Agents of Change: Art and Advocacy

The work of a photographic artist took center stage during the 108th United States Congress. On the agenda was the fate of drilling for oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). According to Secretary Gale Norton ANWR was "a flat white nothingness." In response, Senator Barbara Boxer denounced drilling and held up a book of photographs by Subhanker Banerjee that showed the refuge brimming with life. Congress voted to save ANWR from drilling for two more years.

Lens-based artists have been catalysts for change with imagery that advocates social and environmental awareness. Artists bear witness, interpret, expose and address problems ranging from the Aids epidemic and stereotypes in race and gender to the plight of refugees in war torn countries. In what ways are artists responding to the local and global challenges that are reshaping politics, cultures, economies and the planet? As educators, artists and scholars, what has been the historical impact of our advocacy? What role will we play in shaping the future?

Denver and the Rocky Mountain West have long been home to diverse and often opposing political, social, economic and environmental interests. With fortunes historically linked to extractive industries like mining, natural gas, and oil, Denver is also a leader in urban planning and energy conservation. The Mile High City has been invigorated by major new projects in the arts. The Denver Art Museum has opened its new Hamilton Building, designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. The Denver Museum of Contemporary Art has broken ground for a new 27,000 square foot environmentally-efficient building. Denver is a dynamic and growing modern city that enjoys 300 days of sunshine a year and the magnificent Rocky Mountains in the backyard.

Joann Brennan
Conference Chair

Want to get more involved?

The southeast region is looking for members interested in getting more involved through the leadership of this organization. The following positions are coming open. We are looking for active self-motivated individuals to continue to build on our region's activities. Interested? - Contact a regional officer.

Regional Chair

This is a key leadership position of the region. The Chair is responsible for running the regional members meetings at the regional and national conferences, serves as the conduit between the region and the national office, and is the primary leader in putting proposals from the members into action. Nominations for this position will open at the national conference in Denver, with elections happening in late summer/early fall. Three year term starting in March 2009. Self nomination are welcome.

Newsletter Editor

The region is looking for a newsletter editor to produce this publication twice a year. The editor collects news and information from the regional officers and puts together a pdf file to be distributed to the regional members. Basic word processing and page layout skills required. If you are interested, please contact one of the regional officers. If multiple people express interest, the members will select the editor at the next regional members meeting at the national conference.

SPESE 2007 Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance:	\$20,914.71
Regional Allocations:	\$3,630.70
Regional conference income registrations/sponsorships	\$7,170.00
Conference expenses	- \$9,328.31
Balance as of Dec. 7, 2007:	\$22,387.10

"Due South" the Southeast juried student photography book and Sam Wang's honorarium as the juror are estimated at \$3300, and are still to be deducted. These charges would end our year at \$19,087.10

Treasurer's Report Submitted by Daniel Kariko

Minutes

from the southeast regional member's meeting

Date: 10/12/07

Location: Savannah Georgia

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Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Savannah, followed by introductions from each of the 37 members present at the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Daniel Kariko reported that the region has a very healthy bank account. Current balance is \$27,225. There are about \$7000 in expenses from the conference still to be deducted, but also on-site registration money coming in from the conference to be added as well. Expenses for the

Due South publication of regional student work are still to be deducted as well (~\$3000). A new balance will be calculated in the coming weeks.

Regional Conferences:

Thanks to Rebecca Nolan and Savannah College of Art and Design for putting together another great regional conference!!!

Michael Marshall reported on the upcoming conferences:

There has been a late change in the plans for next year's conference. Due to construction and renovation plans at the Light Factory, they are no longer able to host the conference in 2008. Greg Stewart (gtstewart@randolph.edu), department chair of the Randolph Community College Photography and Graphic Design Programs in Asheboro, NC has agreed to step in and take over the planning for the conference in 2008. Due to the late change in venues, details are still being resolved. Look for more information on the regional website www.spese.org and at the national conference in Denver.

Future conference plans include:

2009: hosted by Perry Kirk of West Georgia, to be held in Atlanta

2010: hosted by George Blakely at Florida State University

2011: hosted by Christa Bowden at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

2012: hosted by the Light Factory in Charlotte, NC

If you are interested in hosting an upcoming conference it is not too soon to put your name on the calendar. Contact any of the regional officers for more information.

Announcements from the National level:

Mark Malloy initiated a round of applause for the national board members attending the regional meeting, thanking them for their work. He then made some announcements from the national office:

Virginia Morrison is the new executive director of SPE.

The national offices have moved to a new location in Cleveland, OH.

The vote on a change to the national bylaws

on membership levels was overwhelmingly approved.

The new national SPE website has a launch date scheduled for November 15.



Due South:

The regional juried student competition Due South was a great success. Sam Wang was the juror for this competition and the accepted entries are being produced in a Blurb book. The design of the book has been completed and is in production now. Those who had work selected for the book will receive a copy of the book in the coming weeks. Books will be available to the general public through the Blurb website. Look for more information and ordering instructions on the SPESE website (www.spese.org).

Newsletter

Blake Praytor apologized for not getting a newsletter out since the national conference in March. He again expressed concern that it was not necessary with the website, and that he was not receiving any information to put into the newsletter. Michael Marshall read from the minutes of the last regional meeting that the members voted in favor of continuing the newsletter in a digital pdf format, and the national bylaws require that we will put out at least one newsletter each year. Blake agreed to put together the next newsletter and again requested content. If you have information or announcement to include please forward them to Blake at blake.praytor@gvltec.edu.

Officer Elections

Vice Chair / Secretary – Michael Marshall will be ending his term as vice chair / secretary following the national conference in 2008. The nominating committee received just one nomination for the position. That nominee is Scott Weber from Barry University. Scott will assume the position of Vice Chair following the national conference in Denver.

The next election is for the position of Chair. A call will be put forth at the national conference in Denver.

New Business

Michael Marshall opened the floor for discussion on how we can use the surplus in the region's

bank account in best service to the regional members. Discussion ensued around the idea of scholarships for the national conference. A motion was passed a year ago to ask the national scholarship committee to make a selection of winners from within our region to be funded by our region. Michael Marshall reported that he asked the national office about this, and the national office could not take on this responsibility. A scholarship such as this had to be handled internally.

A new motion was made to offer a \$500 scholarship for a student from within the region to support attending the national conference. Discussion followed including a recommendation that at next year's regional conference we have a juried student exhibition and the winner of that juried exhibition be offered the scholarship for the national conference. There was lots of support for this idea. Further discussion led to a friendly amendment to offer two \$500 scholarships, one for a student and one for an adjunct faculty member within the region. This friendly amendment was voted upon and unanimously approved. Additional discussion followed with another friendly amendment to include the conference fee in the scholarship. This friendly amendment was voted upon and passed unanimously. The final vote then took place on this motion:

“Two scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 plus the cost of the member's conference fee to support attendance to the national SPE conference, one for a student and one for an adjunct faculty member. A juror or panel of jurors will select the winners of these two scholarships based upon the quality of a submitted application and image(s). The regional officers are charged with selecting the juror(s) for these scholarships.” This motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Michael Marshall

Student and Adjunct Instructor Scholarship Award and Submission Guidelines

Award:

This year the southeast region of SPE will award two scholarships of \$500.00 each plus the member's conference registration fee for the National Conference in Denver, Colorado, titled "Agents of Change: Art and Advocacy." One will be awarded to a student and one to an Adjunct Instructor. The winners will be invited to present their work at the next SPESE regional conference in the fall of 2008. (optional)

Award winners will be contacted by February 8, 2008 and will be announced on the regional website: www.spese.org. The awards will be in the form of a check to be presented to the winners at the Southeast Regional Members Meeting at the National Conference in Denver. Attendance at this meeting is required for the award winners.

Juror: Amy Holmes George

Amy Holmes George, fine art photographer and educator, currently resides in Morristown, New Jersey. As a Fulbright Scholar, George will be completing a 4-month photo project in Florence, Italy during 2008. She is a former professor of photography and digital media from the School of Art at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. Her teaching interests and capabilities include traditional darkroom techniques, alternative photographic processes, digital imaging and mixed-media approaches. George's work has been featured recently at Silver Eye Center for Photography, Houston Center for Photography, Soho Photo Gallery in NYC and the PingYao Annual International Photography Festival in China. She is an Advisory Council Member for the Texas Photographic Society and has served as Chair and Treasurer on the South Central Regional Board of the Society for Photographic Education. George received her MFA from Clemson University and her BFA from Miami University.

Eligibility:

- All student applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a 2 or 4-year undergraduate or graduate program within the Southeast SPE Region.
- All adjunct applicants must also teach at a 2 or 4-year program within the Southeast SPE Region.
- Applicants do not have to be a current member of SPE to apply. However, all award recipients must become a member at his or her own cost for 2008.

Deadline: All applications for this scholarship must be postmarked by January 15, 2008.

Application Requirements:

Student Applications

1. 10 images of recent work on CD (label CD with your name)
2. Info page with name, email, phone, mailing address, and image list of corresponding work on CD.
3. A cover letter indicating what scholarship you're applying for, why and a description of any previous involvement in SPE.
4. A photocopy of Student ID
5. Write "Student" on the outside of your envelope and mail to the address listed below.

Adjunct Instructor Applications

1. 10 images of recent work on CD (label the CD with your name)
2. Info page with name, email, phone, mailing address, and image list of corresponding work on CD.
3. A cover letter indicating what scholarship you're applying for, why and a description of any previous involvement in SPE.
4. 1 - 2 page current CV
5. Write "Adjunct" on the outside of your envelope and mail to the address listed below.

Image Guidelines: All images (TIFF or JPG) submitted must be 72ppi and longest dimension no more than 1024 pixels. Please title each image with the number, underscore, your last name, underscore, and title. (Example: 01_LastName_Title.[tif/jpg])

Send Application Materials To:

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Postmark Deadline: January 15, 2008

Questions?

Contact Michael Marshall at mmars@uga.edu